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Memo

**To: Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission**

**From: Joel Munoz, Assistant to the Chief Accountant
Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities & Carriers**

Date: May 3, 2021

**Re: Tariff Advice Filing to Amend R.I.P.U.C. NG-101-B
Docket No.: 5144**

On April 8, 2021, National Grid (the “Company”) submitted a tariff advice to amend its Gas Tariff, R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS No. 101-B, Schedule C (“Gas Tariff”). The Company’s current Gas Tariff failed to reflect the change in the LIHEAP Charge from \$0.81 per customer to the correct charge of \$0.80 per customer, which has been in effect since January 1, 2019. The filing included marked and clean versions of the proposed changes to the tariff and the Company’s reasons for removing all references to a specific LIHEAP Charge in order to prevent this oversight from occurring in the future.

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) reviewed the Company’s Gas Tariff filing. The Division accepts the following reasons put forth by the Company for eliminating all references to the specific LIHEAP Charge from the Gas Tariff: 1) the LIHEAP Charge does not change every year; 2) the Company’s electric LIHEAP Enhancement Plan makes no reference to the specific LIHEAP Charge; and 3) the Gas Tariff does not contain other rates and factors such as the Energy Efficiency surcharge, Distributed Adjustment Charge factors, and Gas Cost Recovery factors.

The Division finds that the Company has established a reasonable basis for eliminating all mention of the specific LIHEAP Charge from the Gas Tariff. Also, in an abundance of caution, the Division reviewed a sample bill from 2019 and verified that the Company billed the correct LIHEAP factor of \$0.80 per customer. Therefore, the Division recommends approval of the Gas Tariff as filed, pursuant to Rule 810-RICR-00-00-1.10(C) of the Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.